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My dear Mr. Clarke:

N.Y. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 1924

I have for several days and a constantly multiplying lot of things to attend to is the reason for my non-reply to your letter of Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. Shortly after its receipt I went to Van Nostrand and bought the book "Magneto Electric and Dynamic Electric Machines" by Schellum, but a glance at this tells me you have unintentionally erred in believing the machine illustrated on page 350 to be an Edison "E". Of course all the early "A", "E", & "T" machines were similar in general appearance, but differed in mechanical dimensions and electrical characteristics, but the machine illustrated is an undoubted "A" of Menlo make, but with the E.D. base added later. You ought to know, and I know you do know all about these for you had a lot to do with their birth, but I'm afraid you fail to recognize one of your own children. The "E", "T", and "H" shown are correct, but in one particular they appear to show the fields were wound with magnet wire and left so, without an outside japanned canvas cover to protect them, which all General St. Denys machines had. The "Edisonia" article shows these correctly.

Oes! m long ago appreciated the error, ~~but~~ made in "Edisonia" in classifying as a "T" machine

what is undoubtedly an "A" of Muelo manufacture. No name is given as the author of this article but something tells me the data come from one of two people - either Chas. L. Clarke or W. S. Andrews.

C. L. Edgar, N.Y. Edison architect, a man from his office, and the writer drove out to Muelo a few days ago, and went over the old ground. The only things left above ground at the laboratory site are the Brown Engine foundations of the machine shop - the walls are all down. At the laboratory the old galvanometer piers, the chimney and carbonizing <sup>foundry</sup> foundation, and outline of the stone foundation walls of the building itself are still visible. Lathargy on some body's part makes it extremely improbable we shall be able to dedicate the Memorial marker this Autumn. Actual work on it has not yet started, so it looks as if all the excavating, concrete work, terracing etc would be completed this month or next, and the actual dedication postponed until Spring.

When there a few days before I dug up some rose bushes from the old homestead and sent a box of them addressed to Andrews with a letter to give you some. I felt you would both be pleased to have them in your garden. Have a note acknowledging them from Andrews and that you called to get some - I do hope they thrive for you both as similar ones did for me in my garden - ~~the~~ aside from their beauty they mean a lot to us.

My kindest wishes to you & yours

Sincerely

J. H. Wardlaw.